

Family Focus

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We would like to welcome **Jeff Brown**, a new employee who recently joined our staff here at the Albuquerque District. Jeff began working with Facilities Design Section as an electrical engineer in September. Jeff comes to us from JCNNM, who is the support contractor to Los Alamos National Labs. Welcome to the District and congratulations on your new position with us.

We have several employees who have left the District recently.

Mark Harberg, project manager, left the District to go work for the Corps in Dallas as an Environmental Team Leader at Southwestern Division. A farewell luncheon was given on Mark's behalf on Halloween at Gardunos Restaurant.

Andy Rosenau, former chief of the Regulatory Branch, left the District in July and accepted a promotion in Sacramento District as Chief of its Regulatory Branch

Blaine Kemsley, Military/Support for Others Branch, accepted a position with Europe District in September and will be serving a tour that will last between three and five years. A luncheon was given on Blaine's behalf at the Olive Garden Restaurant.

Toby Velasquez, Environmental Resources Branch, accepted a position with the Department of Energy in August. A farewell luncheon was given on Toby's behalf in September at the Quarters Restaurant.

We wish these former employees the best of luck in the future.

Congratulations to Albuquerque District Commander **Lt. Col. Dana Hurst** and his wife **Ingrid**. They are the proud parents of a new baby boy named Garrett Austin Hurst. Garrett was born on August 11th at 7:55 pm. He weighed 9 pounds, 4.9 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Garrett is doing fine and growing quickly

Congratulations to **Toby Velasquez**, formerly of Environmental Resources Branch, and his wife, **Genevieve**. They are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Alexandra Briana Velasquez. Alexandra was born August 28th and weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to **Art Maestas**, who has been selected as the new project manager in Military/Support For Others Branch. His promotion was effective in September and he has assumed Blaine Kemsley's former position.

Congratulations to all those who were selected for permanent vacancies in Operations Division. **Dan Malanchuk**, our Regulatory Specialist in El Paso, has been selected as Chief of the Regulatory Branch and arrived on

October 20. **Dave Dutton**, Senior Ranger at Cochiti, has been selected as the Operations Manager at Abiquiu and reported October 6. **Phil Martinez**, a temporary park ranger at Abiquiu, has been selected for a permanent Park Ranger position at Abiquiu and started on September 8.

Congratulations to **Theresa Armijo**, chief of Contracting Division, for being featured on the cover of the July/August issue of New Mexico Woman magazine. Theresa was among five women featured in the magazine for their outstanding contributions to the New Mexico small business community.

Hats off to **Gary Robinson** and **Bill Loveland**. They both passed the PE exam. Congratulations on a job well done!

We would also like to congratulate **Joseph James Montoya**, son of **Max Montoya**, Information Management Office, who was one of 20 students awarded a full scholarship to attend the Summer Introduction to Mathematics, Engineering and Science Program at the University of New Mexico this summer. Joseph is a 2002 graduate of St. Pius X High school and is currently attending UNM where he is majoring in Computer Engineering. Congratulations again to Joseph and best of luck to him in his future studies.

We are sad to report the passing of two Corps family members.

It is with great sadness that the passing of **Geno Chavez**, brother of **Lanette Chavez**, Programs and Project Management Division, passed away on September 1. A Rosary was held in Geno's memory in Santa Rosa, New Mexico on September 5 and a funeral in the school's gymnasium on September 6. Our deepest condolences go out to the Chavez family during this difficult time.

Bill Hill, father of **Sue Hill**, IMO, and former District employee, passed away this August. Bill was Chief of Flood Plain Management Services when he retired in March 1975. He then ran a saddle repair shop in the South Valley for 20 years. Bill and Lea were married for 56 years. He leaves his wife Lea, two children David and Susan, three grandchildren, one great grandchild, a brother Don and nephews and nieces. Bill is a WWII veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps, and is buried in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe. Our deepest condolences go out to the Hill family during this difficult time.